

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF YORK  
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room, York Hall, Yorktown, Virginia, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2002:

Present

Vote

Donald E. Wiggins, Chairman  
Walter C. Zaremba, Vice Chairman  
Sheila S. Noll  
James S. Burgett  
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.

On motion of \_\_\_\_\_, which carried \_\_\_\_, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE LYNN GANTT  
ON HIS SELECTION AS THE 2002 YORK COUNTY OUTSTANDING  
YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Gantt was nominated and has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2002 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Community Service; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Gantt has demonstrated service to others by spending time to serve and entertain people in his community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Lynn, a ninth grade student at York High School, is an active member of the Key Club through which he visited with residents in the York Convalescent Center to play bingo, collected funds for the UNICEF program, and volunteered several nights to help host a community Halloween party at Busch Gardens; and

WHEREAS, as a member York High's Spanish Club, Lynn also helped conduct a piñata demonstration for first graders at Yorktown Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Lynn is a talented flute player who is remembered by his middle school band director as a "self starter who is always asking what he can do to help;" and

WHEREAS, as a member of the York High School Marching Band, Lynn attended a two week summer camp, practiced 10 hours a week after school during the fall, attended fall performances and competitions scheduled for most weekends during an eight-week period, and participated in concert band practices and performances over the winter and now in the spring; and

WHEREAS, his band director at York describes Lynn as being an “outstanding band member” who is well-organized, very disciplined, and punctual; and

WHEREAS, in spite of his very demanding scholastic club and band schedule, Lynn further uses his musical gifts to perform numerous hours of community service locally and out of state playing the fife with The Fifes and Drums of York Town, whose President nominated Lynn for this award; and

WHEREAS, The Fifes and Drums of York Town, or Corps for short, is an all volunteer group averaging approximately 60 members aged 9 – 19; and

WHEREAS, this group represents York County and Yorktown with much “pride and distinction” as they perform locally and out of state; and

WHEREAS, the Corps’ schedule is extremely demanding, involving weekly two-hour rehearsals year around along with some 72 scheduled performances; and

WHEREAS, Lynn has distinguished himself as having the highest attendance record to activities among all high school students serving in the Senior Corps, only missing because of school-related functions and commitments; and

WHEREAS, Lynn has performed with the Corps in local parades and celebrations, including on the Fourth of July, Yorktown Day, and at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Lynn has also performed at the Governor’s Mansion and in the State Senate Chambers, as well as at many other sites across the state; and

WHEREAS, Lynn has also represented the county at prestigious out of state locales such as the Smithsonian Institution, historic Mystic Seaport, Connecticut, and in Deep River, Connecticut, for the “Deep River Ancient Muster,” the nation’s largest gathering of fife and drum corps, with over 100 groups attending; and

WHEREAS, Lynn has distinguished himself in the Corps by frequently arriving early for rehearsals, by occasionally stepping forward in the absence of Senior Instructors to take charge of a performance, and by amassing over 450 hours a year in volunteer time with his Corps commitments alone; and

WHEREAS, Lynn’s nominator sums up his contributions to the Corps in stating that “His leadership and dedication to excellence set the standard for his fellow members;” and

WHEREAS, this mature, responsible, and respectful young man is accorded the highest of praise from his middle school band director who succinctly describes Lynn's character and contributions to others by affirming that, "I hope my son turns out as good as Lynn;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, that Lynn Gantt be, and he is hereby, commended and congratulated for being selected as York County's 2002 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Community Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lynn be extended the sincere appreciation of the Board of Supervisors for his giving spirit and commitment to volunteerism, as well as the Board's best wishes for a continued meaningful and rewarding life in giving of his time and talents to others.

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A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE CHRISTINE  
WINNER ON HER SELECTION AS THE 2002 YORK COUNTY OUT-  
STANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR COMPASSION

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Christine Winner was nominated and has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2002 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Compassion; and

WHEREAS, Christine Winner typifies compassion in its truest sense, and is widely respected for her caring nature and for a sensitivity beyond her years in relating to the feelings and needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Christine has consistently used these God given gifts in reaching out to people of all ages and circumstances with moral and physical support, guidance, an attentive ear and a concerned heart; and

WHEREAS, this compassion for others is widely known and appreciated by her church family at Crooks Memorial United Methodist Church, whose minister nominated her for this recognition; and

WHEREAS, Christine possesses a special love and caring for elderly persons as evidenced by how she constantly seeks them out and naturally befriends them; and

WHEREAS, her minister affirms that, "Time and time again I have seen Christine go out of her way to speak (with) and hug an elderly person;" and

WHEREAS, this is clearly evidenced during the church's weekly family night suppers where Christine can usually be seen sitting with the older members of the church rather than with her friends in the youth group; and

WHEREAS, Christine routinely pays visits to older members of the church who have been ill or who are experiencing loneliness, once leaving a youth group meeting to visit one of her elderly friends who she learned had a broken foot; and

WHEREAS, Christine recently lent comfort and support by staying in the hospital until late in the night with church members whose grandson was seriously injured in a basketball game; and

WHEREAS, her sensitivity to the needs of others extends to people of all ages as evident from the times she often spends holding babies Sunday mornings to allow their parents the opportunity of sitting together during the church's worship service; and

WHEREAS, her volleyball coach at Grafton High School also attests to her character and impact on her peers by describing Christine as a "very positive and encouraging person," who nevertheless is unafraid "to stand up for her beliefs and what she thinks is right;" and

WHEREAS, Christine is also dedicated to becoming involved in the lives of those less fortunate than herself and who live beyond the confines of the familiar surroundings of her church and community; and

WHEREAS, this is evidenced by her participation in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas gift shoebox program for children living in poor and often war-torn countries; and

WHEREAS, this desire to help the disadvantaged has led her to become involved with the Appalachian Service Project in which she will join other youths and adults this summer performing home repairs in depressed rural mountain areas; and

WHEREAS, she is also an active participant whenever her church staffs a homeless shelter ministry in Newport News, where she not only fulfills her responsibility of serving meals, but again reaches beyond herself to serve the soul food of personal attention and compassion, freely interacting with the guests and spreading joy by reading to them or by playing checkers and cards with them; and

WHEREAS, through her humble, unassuming manner, and lack of self-consciousness Christine seems to easily clear barriers that usually isolate people so that she can freely lend friendship, understanding, and support to all; and

WHEREAS, her pastor sums up this remarkable person by affirming that Christine “amazes me about her concern and her asking about people who are listed on our prayer list. She has a heart that is open to all people of all ages...always willing to listen to others who are going through hard times and...who need to spend time with someone who cares. Christine lives her life with compassion;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, that Christine Winner be, and she is hereby, commended and congratulated for being selected as York County’s 2002 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Compassion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christine be extended the best wishes of the Board of Supervisors as she continues to live a life of exemplary love and concern for others, and may she take great encouragement in knowing that all who come in contact with her truly appreciate her selfless acts of kindness and that our world is a better place because she is with us.

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On motion of \_\_\_\_\_, which carried \_\_\_\_, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE JENNIFER  
TONNESON ON HER SELECTION AS THE 2002 YORK COUNTY  
OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Tonneson was nominated and has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2002 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Overall Achievement; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Tonneson epitomizes excellence and the highest caliber of achievement with her outstanding accomplishments and superior performance in a wide variety of endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer, or Jennie as she is known to her teachers and friends, excels at using her considerable talents to the utmost, intent on doing her best in all that she undertakes; and

WHEREAS, Jennie's *academic* achievements are demonstrated by her advanced course work in Tabb High School's first graduating Honors Program class, her 4.4 grade point average, her standing as the third highest ranked student in Tabb's senior class, her being named a National Merit Commended Scholar, and by her membership in the Na-

tional Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Jennie's considerable *athletic* achievements are also exceptionally noteworthy, as demonstrated by her four year participation in volleyball where she played at the varsity level the past two years, by her three years as a starter for the varsity basketball team where she was named All District Honorable Mention the past two years, and also by her national caliber status in soccer where she has excelled on Tabb's varsity team the past four years, was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All District and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Region ever since her freshman year, and was selected to the All State team last year as a junior; and

WHEREAS, Jennie's considerable *leadership* and *service* achievements include her selection to Girl's State, serving as Secretary of the Spanish Honor Society as a junior and as President this year, serving as a Senior Class SCA Representative, being named a co-captain of the soccer team as a junior, and captaining both the volleyball and soccer teams this year, volunteering her time at an area adult day care facility, and actively participating in Gloria Dei Lutheran Church's Order of the Cross and Crown youth worship team; and

WHEREAS, in addition to all of these exemplary achievements and time consuming scholastic and church related pursuits, Jennie has somehow managed to find enough "spare time" to participate and excel as a member of the nationally ranked "PWSI Sparklers" club soccer team based in Prince William County, a commitment involving daily practices in Northern Virginia during the first half of the school year as well as weekend games and tournaments in the Baltimore/Washington area and throughout the east coast; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to all commitments caused her nominator and varsity basketball coach to exclaim that, "Eighty-hour weeks are nothing unusual for Jennie," who during the fall basketball and winter volleyball seasons would routinely practice after school for two hours and then ride with one of her parents to Northern Virginia, practice soccer for two more hours, and then return home, studying for her full load of demanding courses while on the road; and

WHEREAS, Jennie has honed her talent in soccer to a level where she was recruited by Dartmouth College to play there next fall; and

WHEREAS, Jennie's noteworthy achievements and success in life are surpassed only by her *character*, which has remained unspoiled, earning her widespread respect for her quietness and humble demeanor, and leading her soccer coach at Tabb to remark that, "no one would ever know she is a nationally ranked player headed to Dartmouth;" and

WHEREAS, her minister also testifies to Jennie's humility and "quiet leadership," remarking that she is "gifted in a lot of ways, but doesn't have a need to be noticed; she is noticed just by being herself," and that she possesses a "quiet strength about her that really shines through," and "a solidness you can count on;" and

WHEREAS, Jennie is highly respected by her teachers for her participation, cooperation, and for so willingly taking the time to lend assistance to any classmates who might be struggling to understand certain material; and

WHEREAS, her character is also summed up by her nominator in relating that, "I have never heard her complain or make an excuse in four years. Jennie simply gives her best – every time, in every situation. I know that I am involved with a very special young person when I am inspired to do my job better because of her. The mark of a truly outstanding individual is her ability to raise the performance of those around her to a higher level. Jennie Tonneson has that effect on people;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, that Jennifer Tonneson be, and she is hereby, commended and congratulated for being selected as York County's 2002 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Overall Achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jennie be extended the heartfelt appreciation of the Board of Supervisors for her outstanding example as a student athlete and invaluable role model to the youth of our community, and that the Board's best wishes go with her as she continues to serve and so profoundly influence others.

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A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE BOBBIE JEAN  
ROBERTSON ON HER SELECTION AS THE 2002 YORK COUNTY OUT-  
STANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR COURAGE

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Jean Robertson was nominated and has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2002 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Courage; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie exemplifies the meaning of the word courage, having persevered through heartbreaking sadness to excel as a student and as a person; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie grew up as an only child with her single-parent mother, and the two of them moved often, requiring Bobbie to frequently experience the painful uprooting from schools and friends; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie's mother was stricken with ill health for many years, and an especially close bond was forged between them as Bobbie lovingly served her mom as her only daughter, constant companion, and friend; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie suffered the painful loss of her mother during her sophomore year in high school; and

WHEREAS, her mother's passing required Bobbie to move once again, this time on her own and in the middle of the school year as she left Kansas to live with her widowed maternal grandmother who was caring for her own ailing mother here in York County; and

WHEREAS, ever since arriving here, Bobbie has taken it upon herself to supplement the family resources through working nights and weekends at a local movie theater; and

WHEREAS, throughout this time Bobbie has given physical and emotional support to her beloved grandmother, and was there to comfort her during the recent passing of Bobbie's great-grandmother; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the difficulties and challenges that Bobbie has faced, she is greatly respected as a young woman who has set high goals for herself and works hard to achieve success; and

WHEREAS, this success is evidenced by her outstanding academic record in which she has earned over a 4.0 average in college preparatory work, been recognized as a National Merit Commended Scholar, and served as Vice President of Bruton High School's National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie has also somehow found time to become actively involved in a host of school activities, including the Model UN, the Green Club, participating in a mentorship program three times a week at a local elementary school, and serving in the Key Club, through which she has helped raise funds for underprivileged children and collected canned goods for the needy; and

WHEREAS, her Advanced Placement Art History teacher describes Bobbie as one of the most mature, responsible, and thoughtful students she has known in over 30 years of teaching, a person admired and loved by students and faculty alike, as someone who "loves to learn" and possesses "strong fiber" as a person, who insists on doing the best she can do and not letting down in spite of the fact that she has an after-school job and is often still working on homework at 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie is also described by her work supervisor of two years as being a faithful employee who was named an Assistant Manager as a 17-year old after just six months on the job, as someone possessing a commendable work ethic that always goes above and beyond what is required, who usually arrives early, works multiple positions, is always considerate of her fellow workers, and who has been able to help friends and co-workers through their own problems and grief, seemingly drawing from her past experience and God given strength, and the way she has of "setting aside her own needs to reach out and help others;" and

WHEREAS, Bobbie's nominator and guidance counselor at Bruton High School admirably states that, "What is so remarkable about Bobbie is that unless one knew her

story, one would never know she had so many personal difficulties in her life. She is upbeat...polite, honest, and kind, and...inspires her peers to be their best regardless of any roadblocks which may interfere with their progress;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, that Bobbie Jean Robertson be, and she is hereby, congratulated and commended by the York County Board of Supervisors as York County's 2002 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Courage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bobbie be publicly recognized as a most worthy recipient of the Outstanding Youth Award for Courage, that she be extended the sincere admiration and heartfelt appreciation of the Board of Supervisors for her tremendous inspiration and example to us all, and that the Board's best wishes go with her for a most rewarding and blessed life, and a future filled with continued triumph.